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So Far as British Are Con-
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Ambassador in Report.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Further arguments and statistics in support of Great Britain's denial of statements that its merchants are profiting by British war restrictions upon commerce at the expense of American trade have been submitted to the state department by the British embassy in a memorandum, which has just been made public with a letter of transmittal to Secretary Lansing from Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, the ambassador.

The memorandum, which is supplementary to a note on the same subject handed Ambassador Page last summer by the London foreign office, reiterates the assertion that increases in British trade with neutral countries have been infinitesimal compared with the growth of similar American trade. It draws particular attention to figures showing that the increase in exports from the port of New York to the Scandinavian countries during the first thirteen months of the war exactly balanced the falling off of New York's exports to Germany.

A report of secretary of the treasury is quoted to prove that the war has improved rather than in-

jured American commerce.

Ambassador's Letter.

The ambassador's letter follows:

"Dear Mr. Secretary:

"Statements have been widely circulated in this country to the effect that the trade of the United States has greatly suffered owing to the restrictive measures taken by the Allies against German commerce and more especially that British merchants and shippers are profiting greatly by the war measures of the British government to the detriment of American trade.

"As these statements seem to be largely based upon a report emanating from an officer of your department who had not had access to the official statistics of the United States government, I think it may be useful, in the interest of a fair and appreciation of the facts (which I am sure is your object) if I enclose a memorandum on the subject of these assertions which is supplementary to that already communicated to you by my government.

"Industrial Crisis Recalled.

"It is not to be expected that the United States should be wholly untouched by such a world calamity as the present war, and in the case of the American Civil war, it will be in your recollection that the immediate effect on France and England was an unparalleled industrial crisis

which resulted in untold suffering to the working classes of those countries, hundreds of thousands being rendered absolutely destitute. It is satisfactory to note from the recent published report of the secretary of the treasury, that wholly apart from war orders, the industrial situation in this country is on a firm, steady and healthy basis.

"With regard to the specific accusation against my government that while American trade with neutral countries has been diminished, British merchants have profited by the war measures to increase their export trade, I beg to recommend to your notice the figures given in the accompanying report, based on the official returns of American trade published by your government. You will see that while British trade which has suffered greatly in its great volume has increased to a vastly greater extent.

"It may be opposite to point out British trade does not compete with American trade in the neutral countries of a wholly different nature from those exported from Great Britain.

"Accidental Causes.

"In some cases, which are explained in detail in the memorandum there has been an increase of the exports from England but the amount involved has been infinitesimal as compared with volume of American trade in the same articles, and

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the increase of the exports from England is explained by accidental causes which involved no loss to the American exporter. I need only mention the case of cotton. The export from England of American cotton increased during the first seven months of the year by 114,000 bales, largely owing to cotton which was purchased by the British government in consequence of misapprehension as to the ownership and released to the Swedish consignee. In the same months the total exports from America increased 2,300,000 bales.

"I trust that it will not be found amiss that I ask your consideration of the enclosed memorandum which is not communicated in a contro-

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versal spirit, but merely in order to correct an impression which appears to have arisen from an imperfect appreciation of the facts.

"I need only add in conclusion that if there comes to the knowledge of your department any specific instance in which the British government has made use of their restrictive measures for the purpose of unfairly discriminating between British and American trade, you will bring the facts to the knowledge of my government in order that they may cause an inquiry and remedy such injustice.

"I am, dear Mr. Secretary,

"Yours sincerely,

"Cecil Spring-Rice."

Text of Memorandum.

The memorandum, in part, follows:

"The attention of his Britannic majesty's embassy has been drawn to a report by the United States consul general in London on the subject of British trade in July, which was published in Commerce Report No. 293 of August 30, and the substance of which was widely reproduced in the press.

"In the course of this report Mr. Skinner states as follows:

"It continues to be the case that many classes of goods, the exportation of which from the United States to neutral countries is attended with great difficulties and hazards, are going forward freely from Great Britain to the same countries, and in some cases in largely increased quantities."

"The idea that British trade is taking advantage of the conditions arising out of the military situation in order to establish itself in neutral markets at the expense of American trade is one that has already been submitted by the United States consul general in London in a previous report, and Sir Edward Grey, in a note to Mr. Page dated August 13, last, endeavored to show that the idea was founded upon a misapprehension of the facts. The sentence quoted above, however, and the publicity given it in the Amer-

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can press and to the figures adduced to support it, renders a further explanation desirable.

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plete dislocation of normal conditions of commerce and the measures taken by the allied powers to restrict the trade of their enemies, and quite apart from the export of actual munitions of war; has increased to a phenomenal extent, and this, not only in supplying the requirements of certain of the belligerent nations but in general trade with the very coun-

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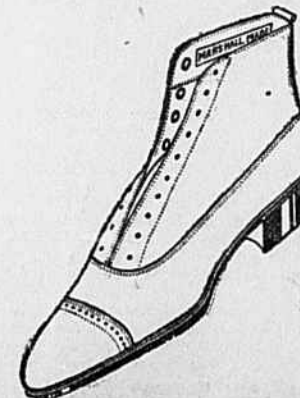
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